

H.M. the Chevalier Pansa, Italian Minister to Peking, is a passenger by the *Admiral* for Hongkong, where he has been deputed to present the King with the Order of the Annunziata, the highest order in the gift of the King of Italy.

Arrival of the steamer Zambesi (Capt. Edwards) sailed this afternoon for Tacoma, under charter of the Northern Pacific Company. It speaks volumes for the popularity of this new route that the *Zambesi* carries a full cargo.

The trial of the Messrs Brown at Singapore, for alleged criminal breach of trust, was concluded on the 24th ult., the jury finding the defendants 'not guilty,' a verdict with which Mr. Justice Collyer expressed his entire concurrence. A further indictment of criminal breach of trust against John A. Brown was abandoned, the Attorney General entering a *nolle prosequi*.

The Intercontinental Match at Shanghai has ended in a win for the northern port by 157 runs. Batting first, Shanghai scored 112, to which the Hongkong Eleven responded with 78. Shanghai, in their second innings to-day, completed the respectable total of 202, whereas Hongkong could only improve upon the first day's score to the extent of 1 run. The scores were:—
Shanghai, First Innings 112
Second Innings 202

Total 314
Hongkong, First Innings 78
Second Innings 79
Total 157

A MEETING of the Justices of the Peace was fixed for this morning to consider an application by Cecil Silberman for permission to remove his hotel, 'The Land we live in' from 336 to 338 Queen's Road Central to 334 Queen's Road Central; and an application by John Olson for a transfer of his public-house to the Stag Hotel, 148 and 150 Queen's Road Central, to William Waters. No Justices appeared, and Mr. H. E. Wodehouse disposed of the applications. As there were no objections to the Police in either case, the applications were granted without comment. Mr. Hastings appeared in the first case, and Mr. Gedde in the second.

LAST night there was a large attendance of members in the Rooms of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders to discuss a paper on 'The Arrangement of Cylinders and Cranks in Triple-Expansion Marine Engines' by Mr. W. G. Winterburn. The paper was read at a former meeting, and circulated amongst the members. Its facts were based upon data obtained from local steamers, but the paper was so eminently technical as to be incomprehensible to any outside the engineering profession and to be incapable of summarised reproduction. Mr. R. Cook presided, and the subjects dealt with in the paper were very fully discussed, by Messrs Heyne, McIntyre, Patrick, King, Kinkaid, Johnston, Bain and others. Mr. Winterburn was complimented on the manner in which he had treated a subject of great interest to the profession, and on the motion of Mr. Heyne was awarded a hearty vote of thanks.

The N.C. Daily News hears from Ichang that the riot announced for Saturday, the 24th ult., did not take place. Sections paraded the principal thoroughfares during the day, but there was no disturbance of any kind.

The Shanghai Mercury hears that the plaintiffs in the recent suit arising out of a collision between a salt junk and the s.s. *Tokio*, in which the decision was given against the junk, have decided not to proceed with the appeal they had entered.

LATEST news from Tientsin is that gradually the waters are falling, and all danger of further flooding is past. But the suffering of the coming winter in the flooded sections is likely to be more than anything yet seen in that vicinity since foreigners first went to Tientsin.

We hear from Hakodate (says the N.C. *Daily News*) under date the 22nd ult., that the *Admiral* was to leave shortly in the *Albatross*; the *Zambesi* was to remain in Japan, and the *Admiral* after a cruise come on to Shanghai, arriving here early in November. The *Pallas* goes to Hongkong, the *Caroline* movements were uncertain, but she would probably not visit Shanghai. The *Regatta* at Hakodate passed off very well, and the *Caroline's* gig won the Admiral's cup.

Buzzards Hongkong and Shanghai the *Loos* passed through the centre of a severe typhoon, and Captain Petherick witnessed the remarkable phenomenon which has been often described of thousands of birds and insects being driven higher and higher apparently quite stunned and senseless with the beating they had received. Many of the birds fell exhausted on the deck, and lay quite still, while the insects, though alive, seemed to have quite lost the power to sting.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

If purchases of steamers are any index to the state of trade, the long depression from which we have suffered in Japan ought to be pleasing away. Repeatedly of late we have chronicled the purchase of steamers by Japanese, and now we learn that still another foreign steamer is about to change its flag. This is the *Admiral*, a Norwegian steamer of 629 tons, which has been running on the Hongkong coast for the last two years, and previous to that was employed by the *Yamato* Canal Company. A very recent contemporary puts the price at 45,000 yen, and says that her purchasers are the *Hokkaido Kisen Kaisha*, but we cannot vouch for the accuracy of the statement as to the amount paid.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

At a meeting held in Union Church, Shanghai, on the 26th ult., Dr. Kimball is the chairman, and was unanimously elected to extend an invitation to the Rev. J. Stevens, who is at present in England, to accept the pastorate of the Church. The Rev. J. Stevens has been recommended to the charge by the Rev. W. Griffiths of London, whom the Committee asked to find a suitable minister for the Church.

FRAGMENTS ON SEA.—Since the Indian Tea Association, a couple of months ago, decided to break down the combination of certain home steamer companies, known as the *Concorde Lines*, by refusing to ship by their vessels unless their shipping charges, etc., were very considerably modified, very fair support has been given by the tea shippers to the independent lines of steamers which the strike had attracted to Calcutta, and the Association announced that tea shippers have now secured a fair prospect of moderate rates for some time to come. As it is, the Conference lines have been forced to come down to the rates of the outside steamers, in order to secure any freight at all.

FRANCIS speaks are not the only persons who misquote Scripture. Novelists and essayists, who have less excuse, have also been great offenders in this way. A writer in 'Wit and Wisdom' points out that Carlyle makes a mistake as to Paul's celebrated charges in Epistle to the Ephesians. On the other hand, David's mouth the cry, 'Lord, I believe; help Thou my unbelief.' Professor Jewett, in the 'Essays and Reviews,' confounds the parable of the lost piece of silver with the parable of the lost sheep, and talks about sweeping the house to find it; while the Rev. C. C. Colton, author of 'Laon,' speaks of the Ephraim who tempt the poor young Joseph, and turns James's Epistle right about making faith the soul of religion and works the body.

THE new Cabinet is emphatically a Scotch and Yorkshire Cabinet, says the *Madras Times*. Six out of the 17 members are Scotch. Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, Sir George Trevelyan, and Mr. Bryce are members for Scotch constituencies, and Lord Rosebery is a Scotch peer. Without Lord Broughton, who is not in the Cabinet, there are five Yorkshire members in the Cabinet:—Lord Ripon is a Yorkshire peer, Sir William Harcourt practices his profession in Yorkshire, and is one of the oldest and best Yorkshire farmers, while Mr. Mundella, Mr. Arthur Asquith, and Mr. Shaw Lefevre are all members for Yorkshire constituencies. Wales has two members in the Government, but the Cabinet, namely, Sir Edward Reed and Mr. Ellis, one of the Whigs.

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THE first case between two Portuguese subjects tried in a Japanese Court came on for hearing, according to the *Kobe Nippo*, in the Kobe District Court on the 18th ult., when a Mr. Silva, of Takamachi, and Mr. J. Ritchie for the recovery of 75 yen. The Court accepted jurisdiction and, the *Nichi Nichi* remarks, the fact of the case being brought before a Japanese Court shows that the Portuguese have accepted Japanese jurisdiction and obeyed the order of the Government. The *Kobe Herald* reports this action, by *Eca de Silva* against J. Ritchie for 75 yen on account of goods supplied. The defendant was represented by a Japanese lawyer, but both parties entered freely into the discussion which took place, and the Judge, Mr. Ishiguro, was compelled to check them more than once. The defence was that the plaintiff had no title to sue, the company to which the debt was incurred having come to an end some time ago. As the plaintiff desired to call witnesses, an adjournment was made for that purpose.—*Japan Advertiser*.

SAYS the Shanghai Mercury of the 1st instant:—A *l'avoisire* pony, Koh-i-noor, came to a sudden end this morning, after having been put through his usual exercise on the Race Course. The pony met his end on the Trial Stakes (2 mile) in 1 minute and 36 seconds, which was a record, and he also carried off the Shanghai Stakes. It seems Koh-i-noor had not been going so well as he ought to have done this season, which was attributed to his having accumulated too much fat; but it was expected that he would soon be in good form again, only requiring to be asked a little. Lately the pony was being ridden by a new driver, Mr. M. J. B. and this morning the pony went a mile and a quarter, easily finishing down the straight at a good pace, the rider being much pleased with the improvement shown by the animal, which seemed all right on returning to the stable, where the mares commenced to rub him down. Mr. Reed was recalled after a few minutes, by the mares, who reported 'Pony too much fat down,' and when Mr. Reed saw him, the pony was dead. Dr. Whitley held a post-mortem, and found that the cause of fat round the heart, which was also slightly diseased in two of the valves. It was arranged early in the year that poor Koh-i-noor should be taken home by Captain Jones, of the s.s. *Glenakilly*, as a specimen of the China race pony.

'HAVE you ever had a wreck, captain?' asked the nervous passenger. 'No, ma'am,' replied the officer; 'I'm a wreckless man.'

HENRIETTA Hello, Ricketts, when is your marriage to Miss Lane coming off? 'I don't know,' replied Ricketts. 'What's the time?' 'Ricketts: 'Oh, she married another fellow.'

THE Deacons: Bibles has asked queerly since he took the bicolors of gold cure. The Elder: 'In what way?' The Deacon: 'When the plate is passed to him in church now he just breathes on it.'

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

LAST night the annual meeting of the Hongkong Football Club was held in the Cricket Club Pavilion. The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart presided over a good attendance of members.

THE Chairman before passing on to the business of the meeting alluded to the loss the Club had sustained in the death of Lieut. Loring, R.E. He said that, as the Report stated, Lieut. Loring was one of the most brilliant forwards in the football field ever seen in this Colony. But it was not only as a football player that they deplored his loss. In him the members had lost a true friend, who by his many character, kindly disposition, and charm of manner, had made himself popular with all, and the enemy of no one. The Chairman also alluded to the President of last year, Major Barker, R.E., who was not only an active player in the field, but also a most efficient President. He felt sure they would all regret that his services had been transferred to another part of the Empire. He said it was satisfactory to find that he had a credit balance of £68.77, a most pleasant feature in these times. 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